

IN THE CLAIMS

The text of all claims under examination is submitted, and the status of each is identified. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (original): A liquid preparation of a paper dye comprising

a) 15 to 50% by weight of the dye of the formula



in which

CuPc represents copper phthalocyanine, or the alkali metal salt of (1),

b) 5 to 15% by weight of ϵ -caprolactam,

c) 1 to 8% by weight of formic acid,

d) 1 to 7% by weight of benzyl alcohol,

e) 0 to 3% by weight of a lower aliphatic organic acid,

f) 0 to 5% by weight of an inorganic salt and

g) water, to complete to 100% by weight.

2. (original): A liquid preparation of a paper dye according to claim 1, comprising 20 to 30% by weight of the dye of the formula (1).

3. (currently amended): A liquid preparation of a paper dye according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, comprising 8 to 12% by weight of ϵ -caprolactam.

4. (currently amended): A liquid preparation of a paper dye according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, comprising 2 to 5% by weight of formic acid.

5. (currently amended): A liquid preparation of a paper dye according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~, comprising 4 to 6% by weight of benzyl alcohol.

6. (currently amended): A liquid preparation of a paper dye according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~, comprising 0 to 1% by weight of a lower aliphatic organic acid.

7. (currently amended): A liquid preparation of a paper dye according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~, comprising 0.5 to 3% by weight of an inorganic salt.

8. (currently amended): A process for the preparation of a liquid dye preparation according to claim 1 ~~comprising any one of claims 1 to 7 by mixing the components a) to g) together, as defined in any one of claims 1 to 7.~~

9. (canceled).

10. (canceled).

11. (currently amended): ~~Use of the liquid preparation according to any one of claims 1 to 7 for the A~~ method of dyeing of paper comprising contacting in the pulp or applying to a paper surface the liquid paper dye preparation according to claim 1.

12. (new): A paper article dyed with the paper dye preparation according to claim 1.